

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

6/26/86

Mr. Alvin Rust
311 S. Main St.
Salt Lake City UT 84111

Dear Mr Rust:

When I ordered your book on Mormon material I did not expect to find that you had added so much to the previously known data. You made a fine contribution to a fascinating field.

You asked for additions and in due course I will do a little work on that matter. For the present I find that I have a Salt Lake City National Bank Jan 15, 1874 note of the type you illustrate but being a \$10 denomination. I have W.H. Freshwater pieces in 10¢ and \$2⁰⁰ denominations. I have a Drovers Bank \$1 plate A and plate B which differ in a minor way. I have a signed and numbered \$1⁰⁰ California and Salt Lake City Mail line. Some of my pieces are on exhibit at the Mint Museum in San Francisco so I won't be able to check them for technical details.

You will be interested to know that my set of reissued Kirtland notes all carry numbers listed in your volume, namely #1 #5471A; #2 #1218A; #3 #5126A; #5 #1700B; #10 #1848B.

I believe I have a Monroe Michigan \$20 which has an 1863 date. Did this bank continue after the Mormon period into the Civil War period?

I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric Newman

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May 17, 1988

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

I accept your kind invitation to help you in any way possible in exploring the Hofmann forgeries. Not that I know anything about them, but because I always enjoy working with you on any project.

Aside from reading Rust's book and a little familiarity with some of the common paper pieces, all that I know on the subject has come from the newspaper accounts of Hofmann, and from a few Morman friends (including Rust). Thus, I can start with a fresh and open mind on the subject.

In your letter to Rust you question #42 and #43. I believe that #42 is probably a contemporary piece although I never knew exactly its purpose or issuer. It has been around for a long time and I knew of it at least in the 1950's.

Number 43, on the other hand, has the initials PH added to the field below the hands. This is supposed to be for Peter Haws. The variety was not recorded before Hofmann's time and is probably one of his concoctions.

I was suprised that Rust did not include #65 on his list of forgeries. Is there any reason to exclude it? I have made up a list of other items that should at least be explored. Not that I have any solid evidence against them, but just a feeling based on type style, rarity and general appearance. These are my candidates for study and questions: #33, 126, 156, 157, 158, 162, 167, 168, 169, 170.

Sincerely,

Dr. Watson

DW:KB:kmd

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June 1, 1988

Mr. Alvin E. Rust
Rust Rare Coin Co.
369 South Main
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Dear Mr. Rust:

It was very pleasant talking to you and I look forward to meeting you in Cincinnati. Since talking to you, I have read the book Salamander and have also read Hofmann's Confession.

We were discussing the Presidential Campaign Token of Joseph Smith, Jr. dated 1844. It is not listed in the book on Presidential Tokens written by DeWitt. I am very interested in learning when it first appeared. I do not find it in the index of "The Numismatist". I wonder if it has ever been written up.

I hope you are able to arrange for our museum to have a Hoffman forgery of a paper money item as that would go well in our counterfeit and forgery section. The U. S. counterfeits would also fit well into an existing collection and be safe from further distribution.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

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July 25, 1988

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369 So. Main Street
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Dear Mr. Rust:

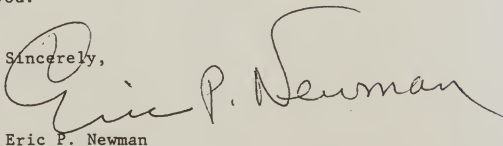
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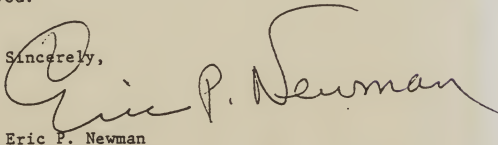
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July 28, 1988

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
P. O. Box 14020
St. Louis, MO 63178

Dear Eric,

I had a call from Margo at 2:00 Thursday with a message for you and learned from Alan Stahl that you already ~~won~~ on your way back home. Margo had talked to Ruth Bauer about "the Salt Lake business" and Ruth just called her to say Harry Forman had some interesting information to share with you, and you only. Harry would like you to give him a call when convenient for you.

Always nice seeing you and especially hearing you! The students seemed to enjoy your presentation as I heard many commenting on the topic in the lunchroom over their 157th Street noshes.

Cordially yours,

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Development Officer

ARMAND CHAMPA

BOX 22316

LOUISVILLE, KY 40222

(502) 425-9236

Dec 26, 1988

Dear Mr Newman:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I
received from MARK Hofman in 1979

CAN you Believe it—

Enjoy

Armand Champa

801-753-3684

Mark Hofmann
467 Blvd.
Logan, UT 84321
12/8/79

Dear Armand:

Thank you for your letter responding to my request for false pieces. I am especially interested in the 1828 50¢ piece — if you have one name your price.

Above is my phone number & below are the numismatic references that you requested. I have received material valued at over \$100 from each of these on approval.

Rust Coins
311 S. Main St.
SLC, UT 84111

Robert L. Hughes
9601 Wilshire Blvd.
Beverly Hills, CA 90210

If you want others please let me know. Hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,
Mark W. Hofmann
ANA, TAMS, etc.

ARMAND CHAMPA

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1-10-1989

Dear Mr Newman:

Give me a few days - I plan to go
thru my files for earlier letters from Mark Hofman.
I do have the 1828 Counterfeit half dollar, also
the 1837 & 1833 - I sure was lucky - I will
keep in Touch - SCOUTS HONOR

Armand